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PART ONE: HAJIME NO IPPPO (The First Step)



WOLVERINE
(Logan)
Samurai Slasher



CYCLOPS
(Scott Summers)
One-Eyed Warrior



STORM
(Ororo Munroe)
Weather Witch



MARVEL GIRL
(Jean Grey)
Sultry Psychic

Who are the X-Men?

Humans share the world with mutants, people who have gained extraordinary powers by virtue of their mutated genes. The X-Men are a mutant team dedicated to preserving the peace between mutants and humans, and to protecting the world from those mutants who believe their genes make them the rightful inheritors of the Earth.

The X-Men are...

Wolverine, a feral fighting machine with a metal skeleton and deadly, retractable claws-- one set made of metal, and one set composed of pure energy. His brother Cyclops, whose powerful, concussive optic blasts can only be controlled by a specially-made visor. Storm, a powerful mutant and magic-user with the ability to control the weather. Jean Grey, who possesses the mental powers of telepathy and telekinesis.

Together, the X-Men fight for the safety of a world that sometimes treats them as heroes and other times as outlaws!

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No!

NO!



Who are you? What do you want with me?

We represent the magnificent Shadowcat ninja clan--

--and our services have been contracted to--

--capture you this evening, Jean Grey.



No!



YAAAAH!!



Ungh!



Perhaps you don't--

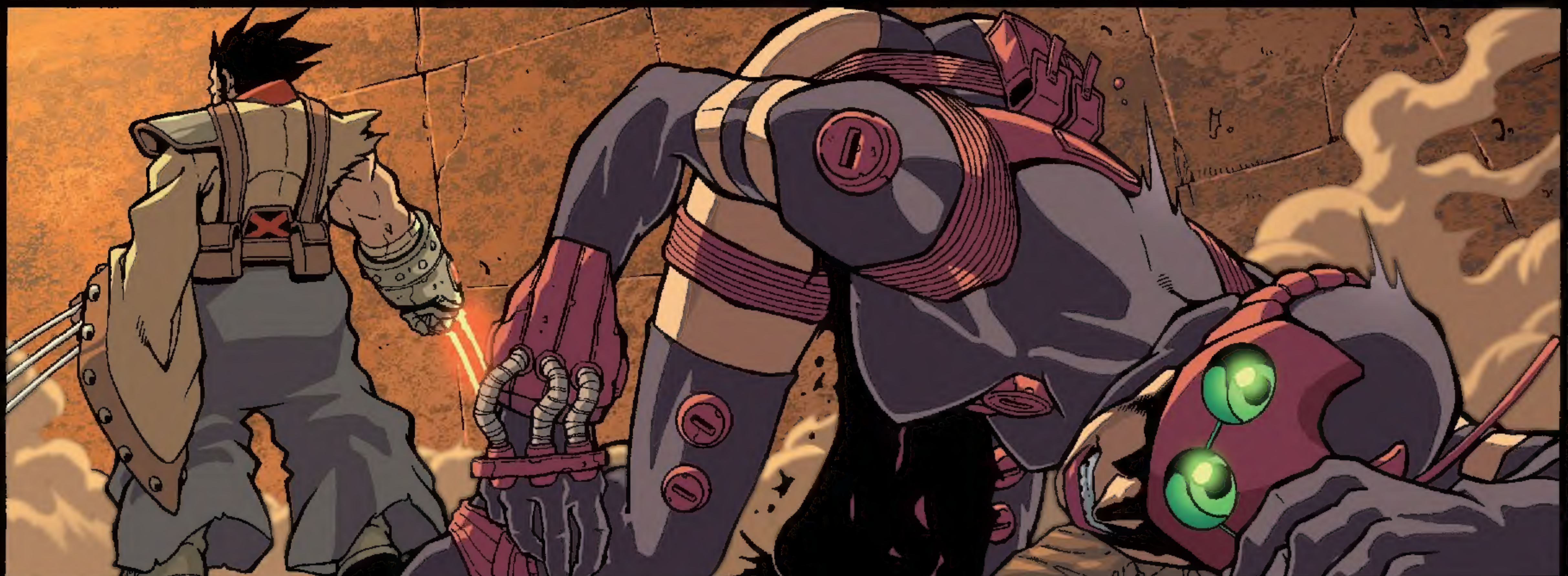
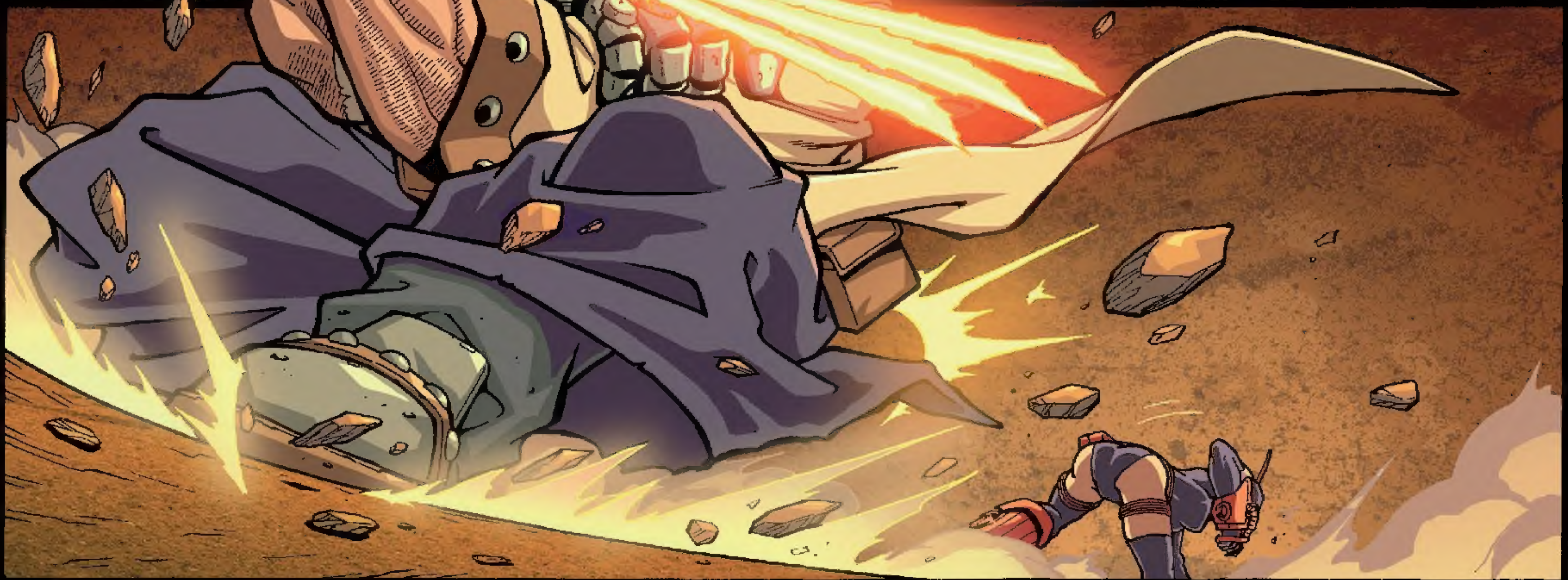
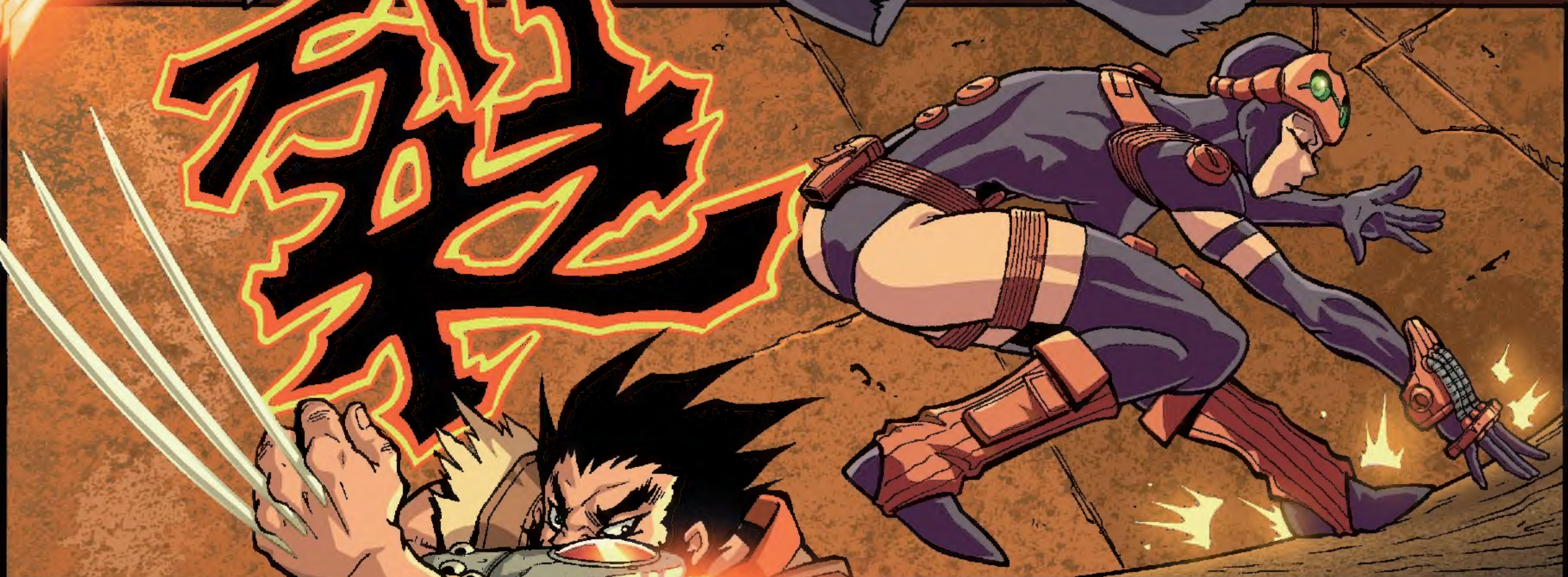
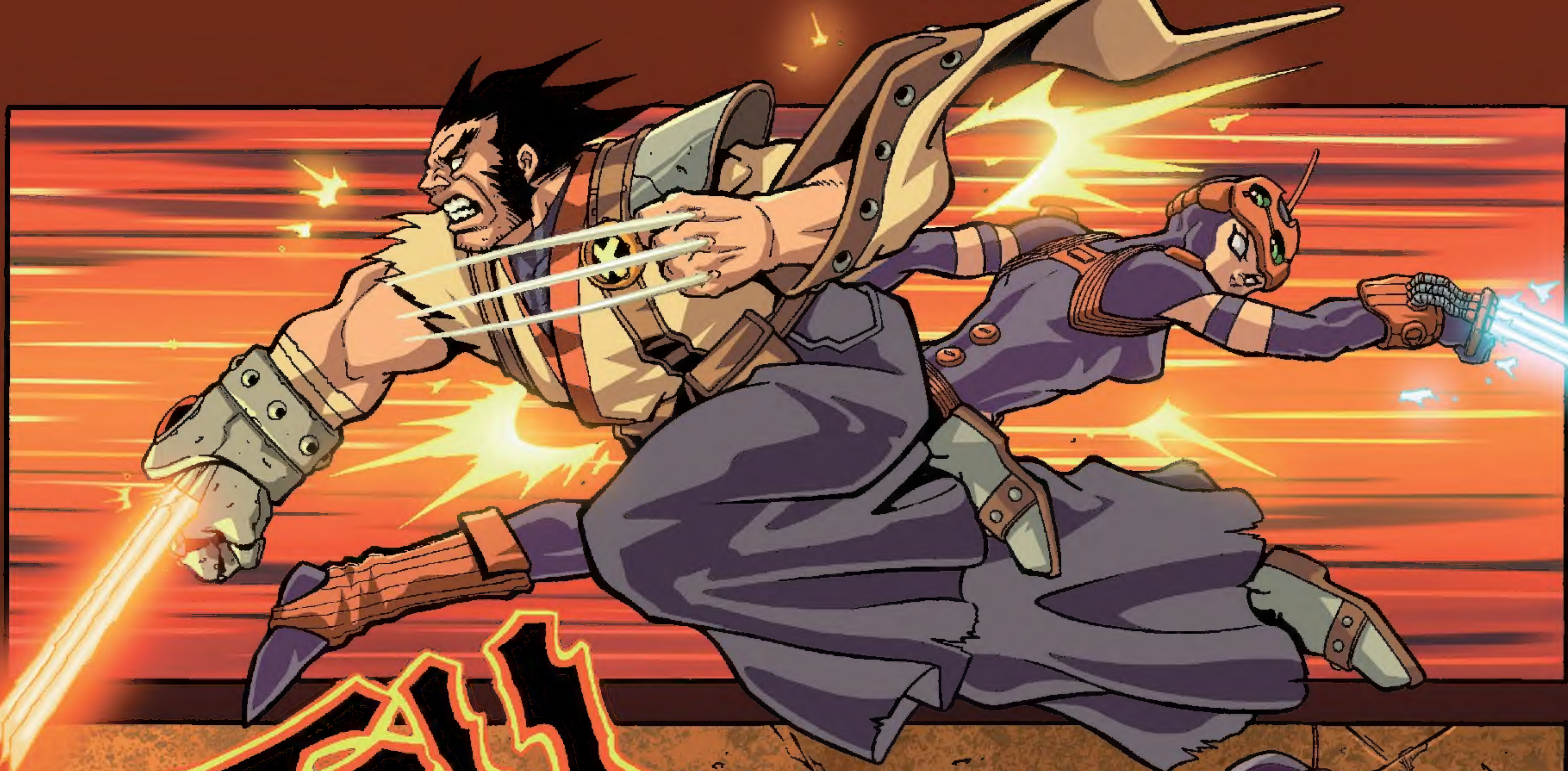
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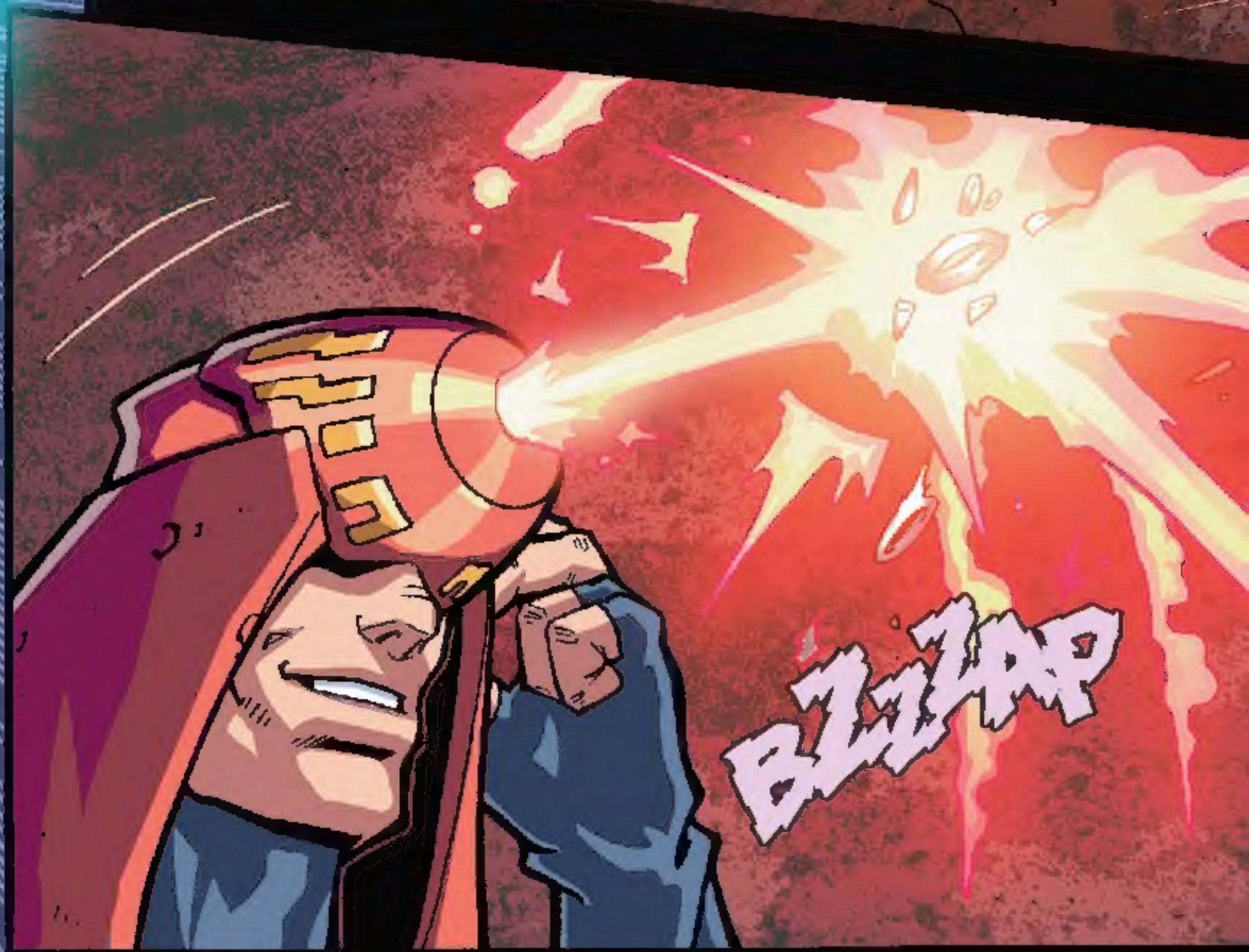
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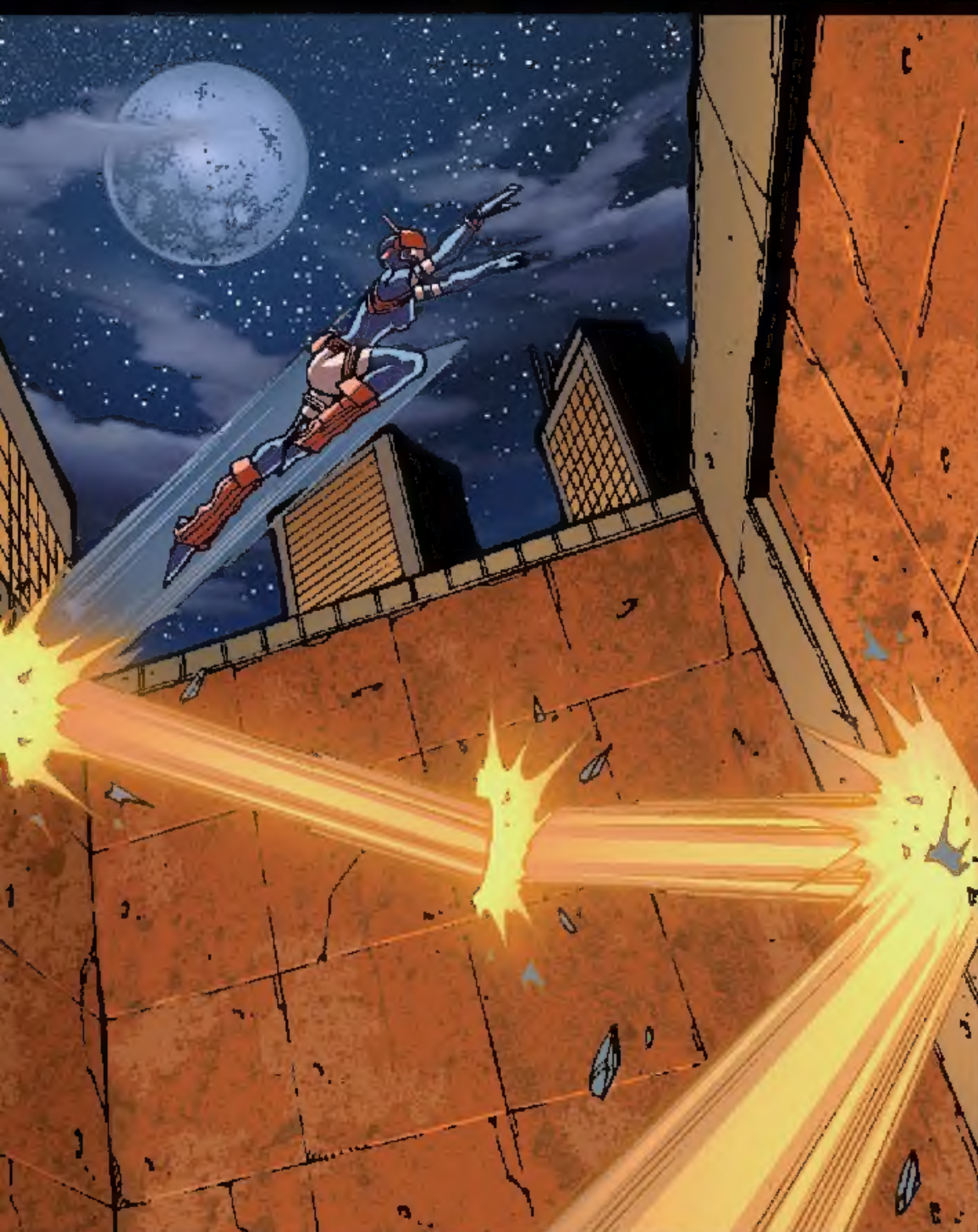
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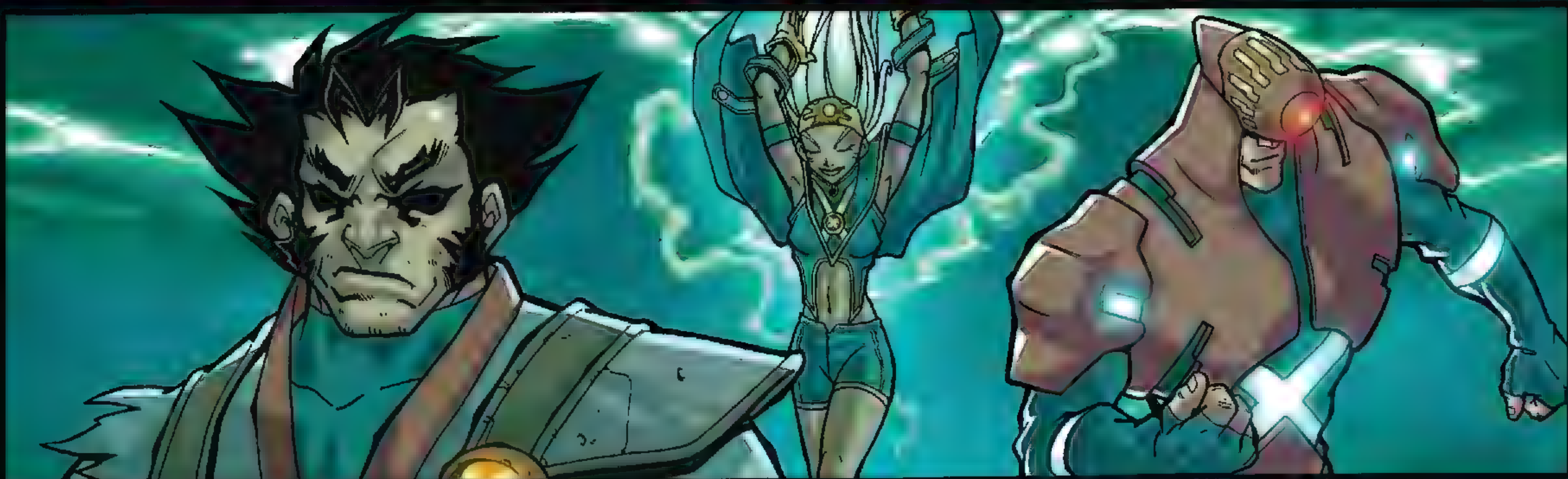












S'okay,
Jeannie...

The
good guys
are here.



The Hellfire Club

Ooh, not good. Did you sense that, Emma?

Jean Grey got away.

Your hired ninja failed.

I can mentally scan as far as you, Tessa.

No need for the play-by-play.

Why does Jean Grey choose to associate with those ugly X-Men to begin with?

And I don't know what's more perplexing: how the public has come to see them as heroes despite their freakishness...

...or that any mutant would waste their time running around saving the lives of some measly homo sapiens.

I don't care what the other X-Men do with themselves. I'm only interested in Jean Grey and--

Getting "made"-- as the Italians might put it.



If you want the position of White Queen, you'd better hurry up and find a suitable pledge within the next--



Stop telling me things I already know, Tessa!



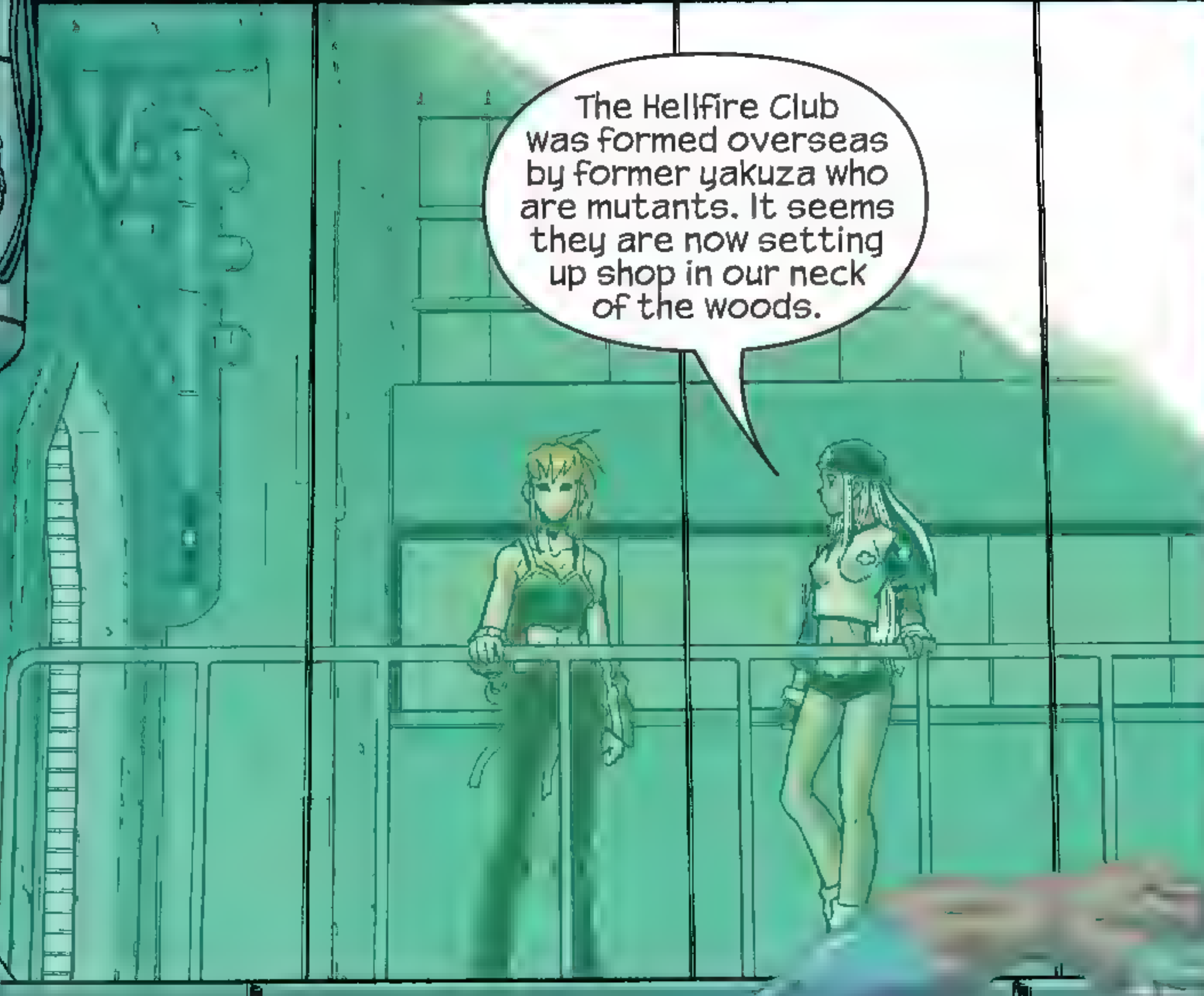
Then some advice: forget those Shadowcat ninja.

If you must employ lower-end mutants, then find someone capable of a simple kidnapping.



Yes, this wannabe capo needs a better crew...



A wide shot of a balcony with two women. One woman has blonde hair and is wearing a green top and dark pants. The other has long blonde hair and is wearing a white top and dark shorts. They are both looking towards the right.

The Hellfire Club
was formed overseas
by former yakuza who
are mutants. It seems
they are now setting
up shop in our neck
of the woods.

A medium shot of the two women from the balcony. The woman with blonde hair is on the left, looking surprised. The woman with long blonde hair is on the right, wearing a white t-shirt with a yellow 'X' logo and blue arm warmers, looking serious.

Hellfire members hold
themselves above humans
and other mutants. They call
themselves "homo sapiens
supreme".

A close-up of the woman with long blonde hair. She has a determined, slightly angry expression.

Just when we have
gained some level
of acceptance from
the general public...

A close-up of the woman with long blonde hair. She is speaking.

And what's
more, the Hellfire
Club only recruits
people with "evolved
minds"...

Like
you.

A medium shot of the woman with long blonde hair on the balcony. She is looking down at something in her hands. The woman with blonde hair is in the foreground, looking up at her.

... along come
these mutant thugs who
seek to destroy the
respect we have fought
to earn.



How goes the recruitment process, Emma?

Fine. Say nothing. Block your thoughts, too. Tessa's mind is an open book...

Perhaps you can shift focus to another candidate. Cerebra has located some young people with potential... and not as much baggage. The psychic surgery shouldn't be as complicated.



Look them up, Emma.

Grey may come around on her own.

Isn't that right, Cerebra?

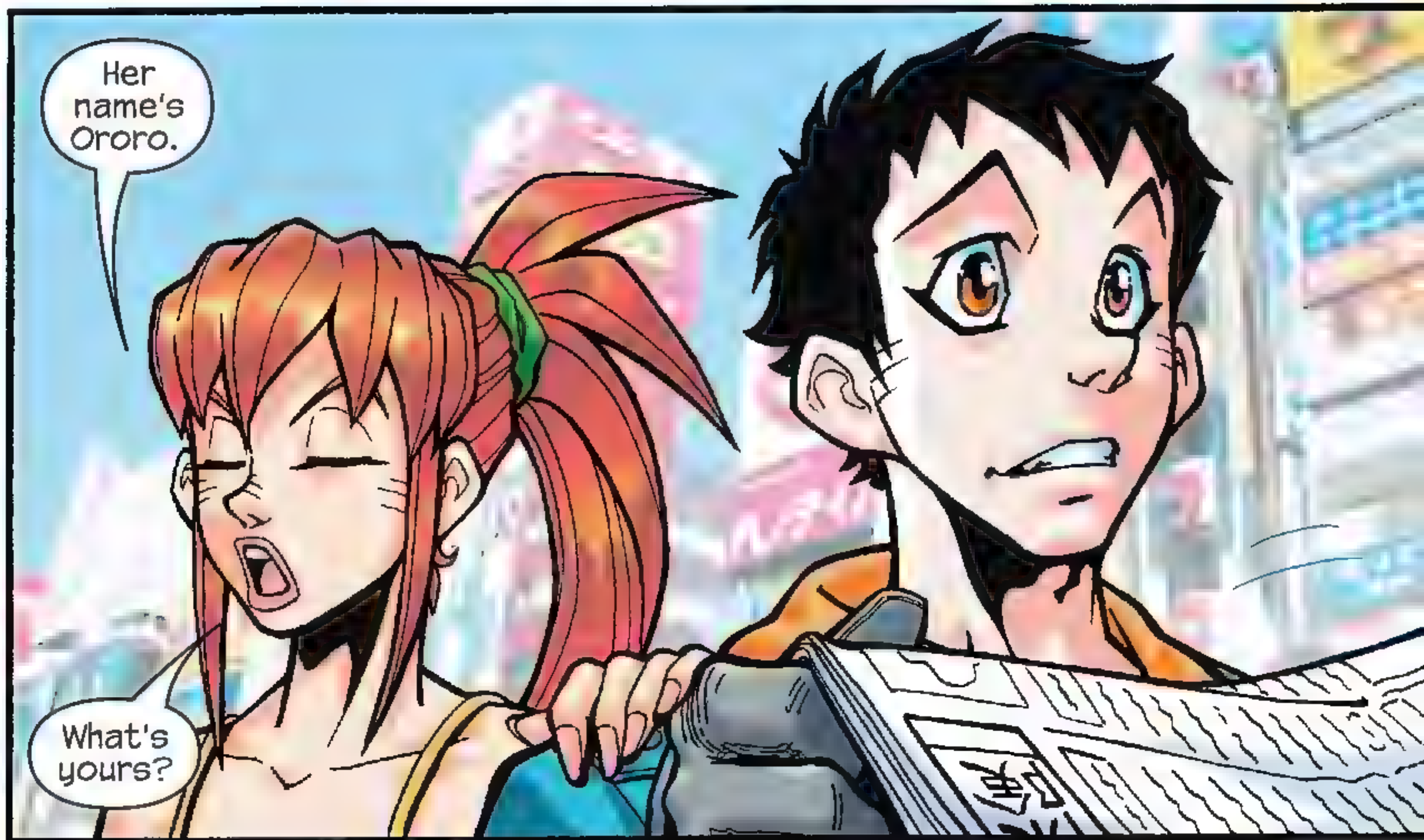






You know that cute guy?

I've seen him here before. He always... stares at me.



Her name's Ororo.

What's yours?



Er... my friends call me Forge.

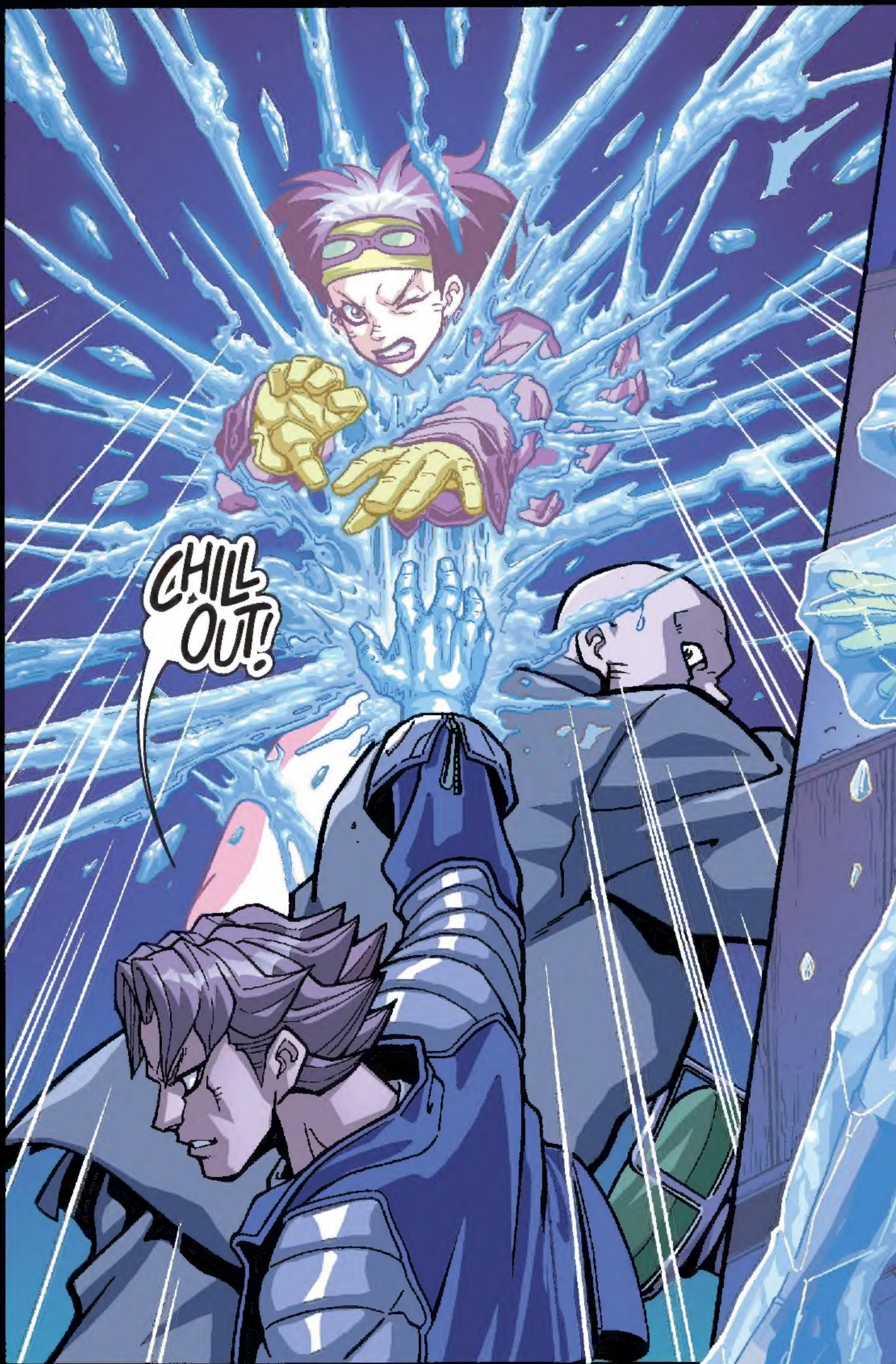
That's an odd name.



Anyway, don't just stand there! Go introduce yourself!

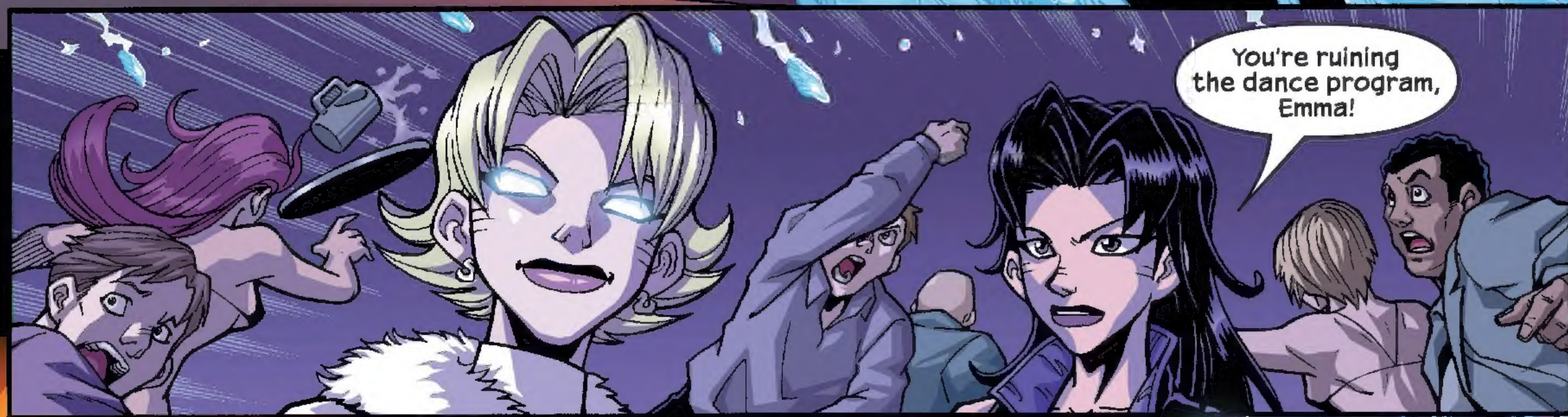
Get her to buy you one of those funky drinks!

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What do you think you're doing, Emma?







It's showtime now.

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